IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For:	Basic Input/Output System Updating Method		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above identified new application, please amend the application as hereinafter specified.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5 and add new claims 9, 10 and 11 as shown in the attached Appendix A & Appendix B.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies for the sole purpose of reducing the filing fee of this application. Such amendments have been effected without prejudice or disclaimer, and applicant reserves the right to submit the same or different multiple dependent claims for consideration in the future upon payment of the required multiple dependent claim fee.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this matter, the undersigned may be reached at his Alexandria, Virginia office at (703) 683-0500.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A (Amended/New Claims)

5. (Amended) As mentioned in Claim 1, of the basis input/output system updating method, wherein the said electronic device is a notebook computer.

9. (New) As mentioned in Claim 2, of the basis input/output system updating method, wherein the said electronic device is a notebook computer.

10. (New) As mentioned in Claim 3, of the basis input/output system updating method, wherein the said electronic device is a notebook computer.

11. (New) As mentioned in Claim 4, of the basis input/output system updating method, wherein the said electronic device is a notebook computer.

APPENDIX B

(Marked-up Claim 5)

5. (Amended) As mentioned in Claim 1, [2, 3 and 4] of the basis input/output system updating method, wherein the said electronic device is a notebook computer.